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Response to Office Action

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This is in response to the Office Action mailed 08/18/2009 in regard to the above-identified patent application.

Claims 1, 3, 5-7, 9, 10, 14-20, and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lueders (US 6,067,074) in view of Ostergard et al. (US 6,704,C04) and Yamazaki et al. (US 2002/0034930). Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lueders (US 6,067,074) in view of Ostergard et al. (US 6,704,004), Yamazaki et al. (US 2002/0034930), and Gutowitz (US 6,219,731). The examiner is requested to reconsider these rejections.

To establish prima facie obviousness of a claimed invention, all the claim limitations must be taught or suggested by the prior art. In re Royka, 490 F.2d 981, 180 USPQ 580 (CCPA 1974).